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REF: STATE 108686; MEXICO 4770; KEANE/DR. DE ALBA, JUNE
9 LETTER; INMAN-MASON TELCON.

1. IT APPEARS THAT SOLUTIONS TO PROBLEMS PLAGUING YOUNG
TECHNICIANS EXCHANGE PROGRAM NOW IN SIGHT. A MAJOR OBSTACLE
TO PLACING MEXICAN TRAINEES IN U.S. APPEARS TO HAVE BEEN
REMOVED WITH CU PREPAREDNESS PAY TRAINING COSTS.

2. UPON CAO'S RETURN FROM WASHINGTON, HE EMPHASIZED, IN
MEETING WITH DR. JORGE VARGAS OF CONACYT, IMPORTANCE MORE
REALISTIC PER DIEM FOR MEXICAN TECHNICIANS IN U.S. DR.
VARGAS AGREED THAT CONACYT WILL, BASED UPON PROMISED ESTIMATE
OF MINIMUM MONTHLY LIVING COST FROM POTENTIAL SPONSORS,
RAISE PER DIEM FOR TECHNICIAN EXCHUNGEES. HE EMPHASIZED
HOWEVER THAT SINCE CONACYT FUNDS LIMITED, WILL RESULT FEWER
TECHNICIANS BEING SENT TO U.S. THE CAO AND DR. VARGAG
AGREED THAT IT IN INTEREST BOTH COUNTRIES HAVE FEWER TRAINEES
ADEQUATELY FINANCED AND WELL-PLACED RATHER THAN CONTINUE
PRESENT UNSATISFACTORY SITUATION. POST HOPES THAT
TECHNICIANS NOT YET PLACED WILL QUICKLY HAVE ASSIGNMENTS NOW
MAJOR OBSTACLE OF TRAINING COST REMOVED.

3. WITH REGARD 12 U.S. APPLICANTS FOR STUDY GRANTS IN MEXICO
UNDER PROGRAM, LETTER TO CAO FROM CONACYT DATED JUNE 16
EMPHASIZED FORMS MUST BE FILLED OUT IN SPANISH, INCLUDING
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DETAILED PROJECT PROPOSALS, AND RETURNED ASAP IN ORDER MAKE

PLACEMENT MEXICAN INSTITUTIONS FEASIBLE. CONACYT FORMS
POUCHED TO DEPARTMENT ON APRIL 22. IN CONVERSATION YESTERDAY
DR. VARGAS ANSWERED CAO THAT MOST U.S. CANDIDATES NOW PLACED
AND REMAINING FEW WILL HAVE PLACEMENTS BY NEXT WEEK.

4. FINAL PARAGRAPH CONACYT LETTER REQUESTS IMMEDIATE
INFORMATON CONCERNING THE 9 MEXICAN CANDIDATES WHO TO DATE
HAVE RECEIVED NO INFORMATION WITH REGARD TO THEIR TRAINING
ASSIGNMENTS "IN SPITE OF THE FACT THAT THEY WERE PRESENTED
FOR PLACEMENT BY CONACYT IN AUGUST 1974." ALTHOUGH CONTENT
STATE 108686 OF MAY 9, PASSED CONACYT WHEN RECEIVED, THEY
OBVIOUSLY STILL VERY CONCERNED 9 ENDING CANDIDATES: ADOLFO
G. ALMAZAN MANON, EDGAR L. FLORES VARGAS, FEDERICO GARCIA
ROMERO, ISABEL V. ALVAREZ ARAUJO, CARLOS A. GONZALEZ VICENCIO,
CARLOS F. LICONA CHAVEZ, ALEJANDRO BACRE DESPEDES, RAUL MORIN
ARREDONDO AND MA. DE LOS ANGELES ZAMORA RIVERA.

5. BASED ON EXPERIENCE TO DATE, IT IS POST'S STRONG
RECOMMENDATION THAT DEPARTMENT SERIOUSLY CONSIDER
OUTSIDE CONTRACTOR TO HANDLE FUTURE PLACEMENTS MEXICAN
PARTICIPANTS UNDER THIS PROGRAM. IIE HAS INDICATED STRO G
INTEREST AND HAS INDICATED BELIEF THAT THEY COULD PLACE
MEXICAN CANDIDATES QUICKLY AND EFFICIENTLY SHOULD THEY
HAVE RESPONSIBILITY.
POST RECOMMENDS THAT THIS POSSIBILITY BE EXPLORED QUICKLY
AND REQUESTS RESPONSE AS SOON AS DECISION MADE. JOVA

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